



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FIRST NATIONS DAY
OCTOBER 8, 2004

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH
NOVEMBER 2004

WHEREAS, First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous peoples and their contributions to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the forbearers of North Dakota's indigenous peoples played a unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state, as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, American Indian governments, colleges, and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy through education and business development; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to learn about the history and heritage of the Native peoples of this great land; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 8, 2004, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2004, **NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State